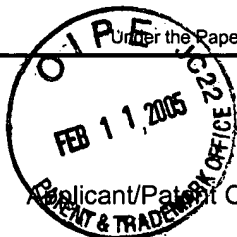


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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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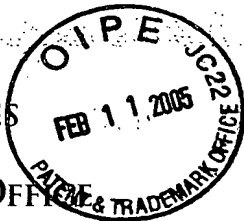
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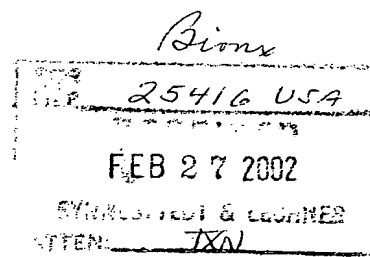
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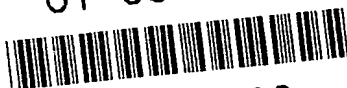
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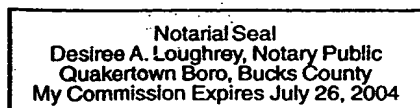
## ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

For value received, we, Claude O. Clerc of Flemington, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, USA, James T. Hogan of Lausanne, in the County of Vaud, Switzerland, Carol A. Kaufmann of Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, USA and E. Skott Greenhalgh of Wyndmoor, in the County of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, USA, hereby sell, assign and transfer to Bionx Implants, Inc. and Prodesco, Inc. jointly as owners in common, a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, having an office at 1777 Sentry Parkway West, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, 19422, U.S.A., and Prodesco, Inc., a corporation of the State of Virginia, having an office at 700 Park Avenue, Perkasio, Pennsylvania 18944, U.S.A. and their successors, assigns and legal representatives, as joint owners in common, the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, in and to certain inventions related to **METHOD FOR ATTACHING AXIAL FILAMENTS TO A SELF EXPANDING STENT** described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed by us on even date herewith, and all the rights and privileges in our names and bearing the above noted title, and all the rights and privileges in said application and under any and all Letters Patent that may be granted in the United States for said inventions; and we also concurrently hereby sell, assign and transfer to Bionx Implants, Inc. and Prodesco, Inc. jointly as owners in common, the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions for all countries foreign to the United States, including all rights of priority arising from the application aforesaid, and all the rights and privileges under any and all forms of protection, including Letters Patent, that may be granted in said countries foreign to the United States for said inventions.

We authorize Bionx Implants, Inc. and Prodesco, Inc. jointly as owners in common to make application for such protection in their own names and maintain such protection in any and all countries foreign to the United States, and to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions, without further authorization from us, any and all benefits, including the right of priority provided by any and all treaties, conventions, or agreements.

We hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any document which may be required in any country in proof of the right of Bionx Implants, Inc. and Prodesco, Inc. jointly as owners in common to apply for patent or other form of protection for said inventions and to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority.

foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of the same.



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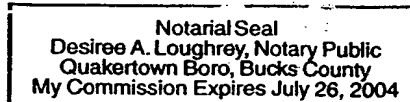
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Carol Kaufmann  
Carol A. Kaufmann

United States of America )

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On this 10th day of September, 2001, before me personally came **Carol A. Kaufmann**, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of the same.

Desiree A. Loughrey  
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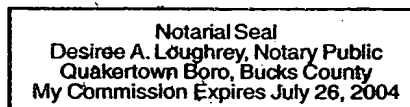
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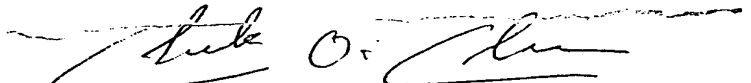
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Desiree A. Loughrey  
Notary Public

We request that any and all patents for said inventions be issued to Bionx Implants, Inc. and Prodesco, Inc. jointly as owners in common in the United States and in all countries foreign to the United States, or to such nominees as Bionx Implants, Inc. and Prodesco, Inc. may designate.

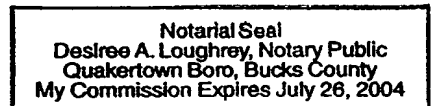
We agree that, when requested, we shall, without charge to Bionx Implants, Inc. and Prodesco, Inc., but at its expense, sign all papers, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with said applications, patents, or other forms of protection.

Date: Sept 10, 2001


  
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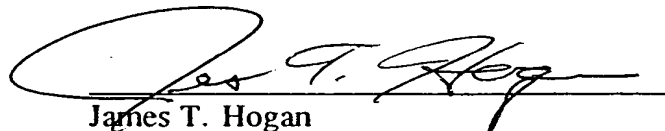
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On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2001, before me personally came **Claude O. Clerc**, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of the same.

  
Notary Public

Date: 30/08/01

  
James T. Hogan

Switzerland )  
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In compliance with the requirements of 15 Pa.C.S. § 1915 (relating to articles of amendment), the undersigned business corporation, desiring to amend its Articles, hereby states that:

1. The name of the corporation is: Bionx Implants, Inc.

2. The (a) address of this corporation's current registered office in this Commonwealth or (b) name of its commercial registered office provider and the county of venue is (the Department is hereby authorized to correct the following information to conform to the records of the Department):

(a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and Street City State Zip County  
 (b) c/o: CT Corporation System  
 Name of Commercial Registered Office Provider Philadelphia  
County

For a corporation represented by a commercial registered office provider, the county in (b) shall be deemed the county in which the corporation is located for venue and official publication purposes.

3. The statute by or under which it was incorporated is: Business Corporation Law of 1988

4. The date of its incorporation is: July 14, 1999

5. (Check, and if appropriate complete, one of the following):

☒ The amendment shall be effective upon filing these Articles of Amendment in the Department of State.

\_\_\_\_\_ The amendment shall be effective on: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Hour

6. (Check one of the following):

\_\_\_\_\_ The amendment was adopted by the shareholders (or members) pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S. § 1914(a) and (b).

☒ The amendment was adopted by the board of directors pursuant to 15 Pa.C.S. § 1914(c).

(Check, and if appropriate complete, one of the following):

☒ The amendment adopted by the corporation, set forth in full, is as follows:

Article 1 of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows: "The name of this corporation is Unvotec Biomaterials, Inc."

\_\_\_\_\_ The amendment adopted by the corporation is set forth in full in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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8. (Check if the amendment restates the Articles):

☒ The restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the original Articles and all amendments thereto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the undersigned corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be signed by a duly authorized officer thereof this 24th day of April, 2003.

Bionx Implants, Inc.  
(Name of Corporation)  
BY: [Signature]  
(Signature)  
TITLE: Secretary

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